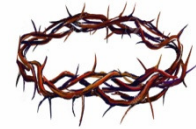




The Season



The Reason

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Advent Wreath Prayer Service

(Light two PURPLE CANDLES and a PINK CANDLE- Candle of Joy)

We light the 'Shepherd's Candle' to remind us of the great light and joy that surrounded the shepherds when they heard about Jesus' birth. It is also called Gaudette Sunday as we turn from repentance towards the celebration of Christ's imminent birth.

Scripture Reading: Luke 2: 8-12- (*Optional*)

Reflect:

God chose the lowly Shepherds to give the tidings of joy of the birth of our Saviour and not to the civil and religious leaders of the time. Are our hearts and minds open and receptive to God's ways?

Action Plan:

Practice humility; greet everyone you meet with joy, kindness and respect, irrespective of who they are and what they do.

Let us Pray:

God almighty, as the shepherds found Emmanuel, God with us, in a humble manger, so may we learn to look for Him in our ordinary everyday lives and experience the joy of salvation He comes to give us. We ask this through Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen

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